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**From:** Farak, Sonja (DPH) [/O=COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS/OU=MASSMAIL-01/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=SONJA.FARAK]  
**Sent:** 5/2/2012 12:14:24 PM  
**To:** Priest, Elizabeth (NWD) [/O=COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=ELIZABETH.PRIEST]  
**Subject:** RE: Comm. v Joseph Hellijas (#1142CR0180)  
**Attachments:** Drug Chemist - Predicate Questions3.doc

Hi Liz-

I figured that I'd just show up unless I heard otherwise since it is at the top of the list. As for questions, here's a copy of the questions that another ADA asked me to review. I tried to change his specific information (drug lab #, results, etc.), but I'm not sure if I got them all as I'm trying to get this to you ASAP. Some of the questions probably don't need to be asked, but they don't hurt. In general, we always say that following the KISS rule (Keep it Short and Simple) is best as it doesn't confuse the jurors or defense attorney, and gives the defense a little less to cross with.

-Sonja

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**From:** Priest, Elizabeth (NWD)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 01, 2012 4:39 PM  
**To:** Farak, Sonja (DPH)  
**Subject:** RE: Comm. v [REDACTED]

Great. I will let you know if something comes up, but otherwise, do you want to still be on call, or do you want to show up regardless since this is at the top of the list?

Another question: Do you have a list of questions that I can ask of you that you can fax over? (something already prepared, I wouldn't ask that you prepare anything at this late hour) My fax is 413-773-3278. Thanks!

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**From:** Farak, Sonja (DPH)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 01, 2012 4:26 PM  
**To:** Priest, Elizabeth (NWD)  
**Subject:** RE: Comm. v [REDACTED]

It looks like I'm going to be on-call for the Holyoke case as there are 2 other cases a little bit older, and the ADA says that he will let me know either way when he knows, so I'll give you a call when I hear from him. Likewise, if something changes with your case (i.e. defense counsel is sick), please call me to let me know. Thanks.

-Sonja

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**From:** Priest, Elizabeth (NWD)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 01, 2012 12:41 PM  
**To:** Farak, Sonja (DPH)  
**Subject:** RE: Comm. v [REDACTED]

Sonja,

Either way sounds great. My cell is [REDACTED] so please keep me posted either by phone or email tomorrow.  
Thank you!!!  
Liz

From: Farak, Sonja (DPH)  
Sent: Tuesday, May 01, 2012 12:26 PM  
To: Priest, Elizabeth (NWD)  
Subject: RE: Comm. v [REDACTED]

Hi Liz-

Ok, here's the scoop. The ADA for my Holyoke case told me "The defendant definitely wants a trial in this case - though on Monday I will ask defense counsel if he will stipulate to cert since issue in my case is ownership." However, the defense said they will not stipulate. I'm waiting to hear back about whether this case is at the top of the list or not, and the ADA also told me that "if it goes to trial we will take you out of order and get you out quickly." Holyoke is normally really quick, so I believe that I would have time to testify there and then get up to Orange for you (I think it would be about an hour drive). Worst case scenario is that I wouldn't get there until after lunch started, and hopefully I could testify shortly after court was back in session. Depending on whether the Holyoke case goes to trial tomorrow (depending on where it is on the list), the ADA might have me on call, and in that case I would be able to head straight to Orange if I'm not needed in Holyoke. Does this work for you?

-Sonja

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From: Priest, Elizabeth (NWD)  
Sent: Friday, April 27, 2012 4:07 PM  
To: Farak, Sonja (DPH)  
Subject: Re: Comm. v [REDACTED] I can definitely get you in early! It takes a while to get started in orange but I can put you on 1st.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 27, 2012, at 12:46 PM, "Farak, Sonja (DPH)"  
<Sonja.Farak@MassMail.State.MA.US<mailto:Sonja.Farak@MassMail.State.MA.US>> wrote:  
Hi Liz-

Sorry I didn't get back to you sooner, and unfortunately I have not heard anything about the Holyoke case yet. I sent the ADA another email about it, but it is hit-or-miss with him getting back to us. I'll keep you posted if I hear anything.

Also, I have a question/request: I'm not sure how long it normally takes up there to get a jury and how many other witnesses you have, but do you think it would be possible to either get me on in the morning or first thing after lunch? My partner has a follow-up neurologist appointment at 4pm in Northampton, and since she has vertigo/dizziness/etc., she is not able to drive herself. If not, I can probably get a neighbor to bring her, but I know she would prefer if I could take her. Thanks.

-Sonja

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From: Priest, Elizabeth (NWD)  
Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2012 12:35 PM  
To: Farak, Sonja (DPH)  
Subject: Comm. v [REDACTED] Hi Sonja, I will be handling this case on Wed., May2. I was wondering if you had heard anything about your case in Holyoke yet? This case is at the top of the list and I have spoken with the defense attorney who says that his client wants a trial. If you haven't heard anything yet, I'd just ask that you keep me posted.  
Thank you so much!  
Liz Priest

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